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1. Attempts by Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER Rojas to Charter a Power Boat
 2. Close Contacts of Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER Rojas
 3. Remarks of Rolando Arcadio MASFERRER Rojas on his Plans and Support to Overthrow President Francois DUVALIER [REDACTED]
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COUNTRY: CUBA/HAITI

SUBJ: REMARKS OF ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS ON HIS PLANS AND SUPPORT TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER

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PADA: UNITED STATES, MIAMI (23 AUG 63)

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SOURCE: A CUBAN EXILE WHO HAS LIVED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND WHO IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH MANY PERSONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHO HAVE GOOD CONTACTS IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

1. ON 22 AUGUST 1963, ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS CONFIDED THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO BUY LARGE QUANTITIES OF TNT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR USE IN HIS EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW THE HAITIAN DICTATORSHIP OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER. MASFERRER SAID HE HAS PLANS TO USE THE TNT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOMBS WHICH ARE TO BE AIR-DROPPED IN HAITI IN ORDER TO DEMORALIZE THE DUVALIER FORCES.

2. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE IS NOW MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANES TO LEAVE FROM FLORIDA, CARRYING HIS BOMBS AND TROOPS WHICH

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ARE NOT IN THE MIAMI AREA. MASFERRER SAID THAT HIS MAIN STRIKING FORCE IS COMPRISED OF ABOUT 150 CUBAN NATIONALS WHO ARE LODGED IN HOTELS AND PRIVATE HOMES IN METROPOLITAN MIAMI. (FIELD COMMENT: THE SENATE HOTEL IN MIAMI HAS BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING HOUSED SOME OF MASFERRER'S MEN PREVIOUSLY.)

3. MASFERRER SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN NEW YORK WHERE HE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH HAITIAN GENERAL PAUL EUGENE MAGLOIRE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF HAITI, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. HE CLAIMED THAT MAGLOIRE WAS NOT COLLABORATING WITH HIM IN HIS MILITARY PREPARATIONS BECAUSE MAGLOIRE WAS RECEIVED OF \$40,000 BY ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ ECHAZABAL, FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO HAITI. MASFERRER SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MANUEL RAY RIVERO, CUBAN EXILE LEADER IN MIAMI, WAS PROVIDING INDIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MASFERRER'S MILITARY BUILDUP THROUGH GOVERNOR LUIS MUNOZ MARIN OF PUERTO RICO AND THROUGH PRESIDENT JUAN BOSCH Y GAVINO OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. (FIELD COMMENT: IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT RAY IS PROVIDING FINANCIAL HELP TO MASFERRER.)

4. MASFERRER SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF HAITIAN EXILE LEADERS HAVE DETERIORATED DURING RECENT MONTHS. THE INTERNAL

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5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMNAVKEYWEST, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, I&NS, CUSTOMS, USCG AND BORDER PATROL.

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